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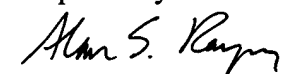
This Amendment after allowance is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.312 no later than the date of payment of the issue fee. Applicant has amended claims 12, 19-20, 22 and 24. It is believed that the amendments introduce no new matter and raise no issues requiring a new search. Claims 1-10 and 12-24 are currently pending. Claims 11 and 25 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claim 24 was previously amended by Examiner's amendment as set forth in the Notice of Allowance papers. Examination and entry of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Claim 12, 19, 22 and 24 were amended to clarify antecedent basis matters. Claim 12 was amended to insert the term "first" into line 12. Claim 19 was amended to insert the term "layer" into line 12. Claim 20 was amended to depend from claim 19 (it previously erroneously depended from itself). Claims 22 and 24 were each amended for to replace the term "a" with "the" in line 11. Claims 22 and 24 were each also amended for clarity to delete the term "and" from line 10.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone conference on June 30, 2004 in which the Examiner indicated that copies of IDS forms 1449 previously filed by applicant and initialed by the Examiner would be sent to applicant. The Examiner also indicated that he would consider this Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims continue to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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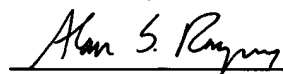
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